

House Study Bill 579 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND LAND
STEWARDSHIP BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to grape and wine development by providing for
2 the elimination of a commission, programs, and duties of the
3 department of agriculture and land stewardship and providing
4 for the transfer of unexpended and unobligated moneys.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. REPEAL. Chapter 175A, Code 2009, is repealed.

2 Sec. 2. GRAPE AND WINE DEVELOPMENT FUND. This Act does
3 not affect the expenditure of moneys by the department of
4 agriculture and land stewardship to satisfy any obligations or
5 encumbrances of moneys in the grape and wine development fund
6 created in section 175A.5, if the obligations or encumbrances
7 were incurred prior to the effective date of this Act.
8 Moneys credited to the grape and wine development fund that
9 are unobligated or unencumbered at the close of the fiscal
10 year ending June 30, 2010, shall be transferred to the wine
11 gallonage tax fund created in section 123.183 in the same
12 manner as a reversion.

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EXPLANATION

14 This bill eliminates Code provisions promoting grape and
15 wine development. The provisions were established in 2001
16 by S.F. 524 (2001 Iowa Acts, chapter 162) and codified in
17 Code chapter 175A. The Code chapter provides for a grape and
18 wine development commission housed within the department of
19 agriculture and land stewardship and requires the department
20 to establish grape and wine development programs by assisting
21 persons in establishing, improving, or expanding vineyards
22 or winemaking operations. The Code chapter also includes
23 a grape and wine development fund which was originally
24 supported by moneys derived from the wine gallonage tax (Code
25 section 123.183). The bill provides that unobligated or
26 unencumbered moneys remaining in the grape and wine development
27 fund remaining at the close of the current fiscal year,
28 or any subsequent fiscal year, are transferred to the wine
29 gallonage tax fund which is used by the department of economic
30 development for wine and beer promotion.